

**Location: Rockport Town Hall, Meeting Room A**

**Present:** Larry Neal/Chairman, Alan MacMillan, Rob Claypool, MaryAnn Lash, Charlie Allen, David McKinnon/Associate Member, Andrea Nichols/ Secretary, Geralyn Falco/Conservation Agent. The Rockport Conservation Commission (RCC) is a five member volunteer board. Five voting members are present.

**Absent:** Mel Michaels/Associate Member, Bailey Coates/Student Member

**Citizen Inquiries:**

*Joe Allen, 1 Beach Street (Captain's Bounty)* –wants to improve garden area and parking lot adjacent to coastal bank/coastal beach; plans to replace mulch with small stone in gardens and re-pave parking lot (filling in holes); no digging in parking lot. Mr. Macmillan moves to allow landscaping as proposed; Chairman Neal seconds. Vote 5:0.

**Minutes:**

**2/18/15:** Mr. Allen moves to approve minutes as written; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

**2/18/15 (Executive Session minutes):** Mr. MacMillan moves to approve minutes as amended; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0.

**New Hearings**

**RDA 15-03, Joseph Mueller, 52 Marmion Way (Map 30/Lot 37).** *Abandon existing septic tank and connect to municipal sewer within 100' of isolated wetland and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Dan Ottenheimer (Mill River Consulting) is present with applicant and makes presentation; shows present system and sewer pipe greater than 100' to coastal bank but 90' from isolated wetland; erosion control barrier in place during construction. RCC concern is how connection will be made if ledge is encountered. Mr. MacMillan moves to close hearing; Mr. Claypool seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed.** Mr. Claypool moves to issue negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Mr. Allen seconds. Discussion: add condition to notify Agent if blasting is necessary. Vote 5:0. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved**

**RDA 15-04 (RCC RDA15-01), Massachusetts Electric Company, Penzance Road (Map 32).** *Replace telephone pole within 100' of a coastal bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Amanda Neville (Coneco) is present for applicant and makes the presentation; pole to be replaced in same location. This activity is exempt from WPA but not from Rockport Wetlands Bylaw. Mr. Claypool moves to close hearing; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed.** Mr. Claypool moves to issue negative determination, category number 3 with conditions; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

**NOI 62-0706, Five Gully Point Nominee Trust (Samuel Smart, Trustee), 5 Gully Point Road (Map 26/Lot 71).** *Construct a deck within 100' of a coastal bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management) is present with applicant and makes presentation; resource areas are non-sediment producing coastal bank and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (LSCSF); deck to connect to smaller deck and construct without edge railing; deck without railing needs 18 inches from ground, so stone wall to be constructed and backfilled (raising yard elevation); activity will not destabilize coastal bank; deflection of wave within LSCSF will be blocked by house and detached garage (no impact to neighbors); all work to be on grassed lawn. RCC concerns: wall construction and amount of fill; want profile of deck and wall; work totally within No Disturb Zone; expects to see mitigation; FEMA flood levels encompass most of house; armoring coastal resource areas; wall may prohibit land-based runoff; wants to see more onsite vegetation. Site visit is scheduled for March 7, 2015. With permission from the Applicant, hearing is continued until March 18, 2015 pending site visit. Hearing is continued. **The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

#### **Continued Hearings**

**NOI 62-0705, Roger Caro, 35 Mt. Pleasant Street (Map 36/Lot 23).** *Repair dry laid granite seawall within 100' of coastal bank and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.* Bill Manuell (Wetlands & Land Management) is present for applicant and discusses site visit and small changes to plan; revised plan is submitted showing drain outfalls and stair detail. Chairman Neal moves to close hearing; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0. **Hearing is closed. The digital voice recording of this hearing will be retained until all appeal periods have passed and all appeals resolved.**

#### **Review Orders of Conditions:**

**NOI 62-0705, Roger Caro, 35 Mt. Pleasant Street (Map 36/Lot 23).** Chairman Neal moves to issue OC as written; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0.

#### **Other Business**

- Earth Day –think about RCC activity – Agent Falco suggests painting shed on Pigeon Hill Street (Stephen Johnson property); RCC agree and adds repair of shed; would like to see more students involved in Earth Day activities.
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance**, DEP 62-0542, John Doue, 73 Eden Road (Map 32/Lot 66). Mr. Allen moves to issue CoC; Mr. MacMillan seconds. Vote 5:0.

**Chairman Neal moves to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Allen seconds. Vote 5:0.**

**8:46 PM**

*RCC ► Meeting adjourns 8:46 PM ◄ RCC*